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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I suggest that questions Nos. 544 and 545 be taken up together. Question No. 542 can also be taken up now."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall now take up questions Nos. 544 and 545 and then take up question No. 542."

Amendment of the Madras Educational Rules.

* 544 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the reason for amending the Madras Educational Rules during February 1954, for punishing negligent teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Certain lacunae were noticed in the old rules and the amendments were made to remove them. The object of the Government in amending the rules has been clarified in Press Note No. 22, dated 18th March 1954."

* 545 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government consulted any organizations of headmasters or teachers or other educational organizations and Members of Legislative Council elected by teachers, before amending the rules regarding the dismissal of headmasters or teachers;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representations regarding the amendments and alterations so made; and

(*c*) if so, whether any action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Presumably the hon. Member refers to the amendments to the Madras Educational Rules published recently. No representations have been received by the Government against the amendments. Certain criticisms have appeared in the newspapers about these amendments. A Press Note (No. 22, dated 18th March 1954) has been issued clarifying the position and pointing out the misapprehensions on which the criticisms are based."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, சர்க்காருடைய அறிக்கையின் பிரகாரம் ஒரு உபாத்தியாயர் அவருடைய வேலையைச் சரியாகச் செய்யாவிட்டாலும், நாசகார வேலைகளில் சம்பந்தப் பட்டார் என்று தெரிந்தாலும், அவருடைய சர்டிபிகேட்டை ரத்து செய்யலாம் அல்லது அவர் வேலையிலிருநது நீக்கப்படலாம் என்று இருக்கிறது. அவ்வித மான சட்டம் காலேஜ் புரொபசர்களுக்கும், பிரின்சிபாலுகளுக்கும் பொருந் தாது என்று இருக்கிறது. என் காலேஜ புரொபசர்களுக்கும், பிரின்சிபால் களுக்கு மாத்திரம் அந்தச் சட்டம் பொருந்தாது என்று கேட்கிறேன். நாசகார வேலை என்பது என்ன என்பதையும் கனம் மந்திரி தெரிவிக்க வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, these rules do not affect them. There are other rules regulating the conduct of lecturers and professors appointed in the colleges."

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, may I know what prevents the Government from consulting the organisations concerned and also the Members of the Legislative Council elected by the teachers when the educational rules affecting the teachers are modified or amended? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The amendments made were only for remedying certain defects in the already existing rules. There was therefore no necessity, Sir, to consult the organisations or the M.L.Cs. concerned."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" The Government are aware that some teachers are not co-operating in carrying out the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education. Have these amendments anything to do with this, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" These rules came into existence long ago. There were certain defects and they were remedied. This has, therefore, nothing to do with the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Education said in his reply that certain lacunae were noticed in the working of the Educational Rules. Under Rule 154 of the Madras Educational Rules the Director of Public Instruction was empowered to suspend or cancel the teaching certificates of teachers only after a direct enquiry and after a written explanation was submitted by the teacher. Is there any change in the present rules? Also under rule 14, it is said that for subversive activities teachers can be victimised. May I ask of the Hon. the Minister for Education whether the teacher who is to be punished will be given a hearing or whether he will be punished without a hearing? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Previously, under the rules, there was no provision for an enquiry and no procedure was laid down. In the amended rules we have laid down a definite procedure for taking disciplinary action against the teachers. In addition to this, there was previously no provision for an appeal against the orders of the Divisional Inspector of Schools or the Director of Public Instruction. We have now provided for an appeal in these cases and, as a matter of fact, the amended rules are an improvement on the existing rules."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI ;—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நாசகார வேலைகளில் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட உபாத்தியாயர்களை வேலையிலிருந்து நீக்கவேண்டுமென்று திருத்தம் கூறுகிறது. நாசகார வேலை என்பது என்னவென்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிக்க வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகின்றேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this has nothing to do with the amended rules. As a matter of fact the word ' subversive ' has been in existence since 1950. It is a well known expression and I am sure the hon. Member knows much about it."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, are there many cases of misbehaviour on the part of teachers in our State? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I will not say many cases and it is a matter of opinion as to what is 'many' and what is 'few'."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall now go back to question No. 542."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, on a point of explanation, I want a particular point to be clarified."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are now in question No. 542. There can be no point of explanation now."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. the Minister for Education in his reply to a supplementary question said that the word 'subversive' was there since 1950. I only wish to have the permission of the Hon. the Speaker to point out the fact that even in 1938 by a Government Memorandum my teaching certificate was cancelled on the ground that I was indulging in subversive activities. Hence the word 'subversive' as introduced by the foreign imperialistic Government is still there."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This is no point of order."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I just wanted to clarify the fact that the word 'subversive' has been there even before 1950."

Construction of a hospital in the Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, for the benefit of the Members of the Legislature.

* 542 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to construct a hospital for the benefit of Members of the Legislature in the Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras; and

(*b*) if so, what is the estimated cost?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under consideration."

Maternity and child welfare centres in Malabar.

* 546 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any proposals recently from the District Board, Malabar, for opening maternity and child welfare centres in Malabar;

(*b*) if so, which were the centres proposed; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken on the proposals?